

Budding. Almost all intelligent farmers know that the best time to employ the knowledge in springtime to get a good head on a wild tree or to change the character of a tree is something more desirable. But the spring is generally crowded with work. Few get done what they desired and intended to do; and among the put-off things, very likely of all others will be the grafting job. Something of this can be made up at this season by budding, or inoculation as it is sometimes called. It does not find the same favor with farmers as with nurserymen, because no time seems to be gained over grafting six months hence; for the buds put in now do not ripen till the next spring season. If grafts are put in next year they grow immediately and make strong or growths and form a good head much sooner than buds put in at this season will. But then there is the question of time. If one waits for spring it may never be done. This is comparatively a leisure season, and a tree budded now is done with. It will keep on growing and will certainly beat the tree that never is done.

Budding is so simple an operation and has been over and over again described in the papers that persons who are likely to be benefited by this article know how it is done. A piece of bark, containing a piece of the eye of the stock to be improved and which has both sides "lifted" or loosened by the back of a knife for the purpose. After the insertion the bark is tied firmly. As one can understand this, and only an expert will know much. But there is one thing which all budding do not understand and we will explain why even some good hands fail in their work. The branch on which the bud is to be grafted is healthy, vigorous and in every way healthy, or the buds will not grow. Failure in most cases comes from this. It does not make much difference whether the branch operated on is more than one year old, so that the bark separates freely from the wood—as the bidders say, "runs freely"—but it is essential that it should be in perfect health. The bark generally separates freely at the end of summer, but in some cases it has to be forced. In regard to the bud, it must not be too young. Failure generally comes from this. There is far less chance of failure with very old buds than with young ones, though, of course, all buds are not alike. Some grow on the quince, but this is rather an exception. So closely allied things as the apple and the pear will not do very well, and only when with the quince.

Department of Agriculture. The department of agriculture, by collecting information about the effects of cultivation and the selection of seed grain, may greatly improve the yield per acre of farm lands, and thus add to the wealth of the country. By systematic selection in England Major Hallett is said to have succeeded in four years in increasing the length of the wheat ear from 4½ inches to 8½ inches; the number of grains from 47 to 100; and the number of ears on finest stool from 10 to 52. The distinctions between varieties of grasses are largely based on the number of flowers they produce, but the numbers are not constant and vary with the soil and other conditions. On the same point there will be ears with different numbers of productive power, and selection may be given to plants of the same kind. This, at least, is the theory on which Major Hallett's experiments were based. The success of his experiments led to his bold declaration that the corn-crops of England might be doubled if by repeated careful selection the superiority of particular plants were ascertained. Already the Eastern and Middle States of this country are beginning to face a necessity almost as great as that which presses on England to secure greater crops from their farms for home use, and greater crops must be obtained, if at all, by a careful study of the conditions precedent to their growth.

A farmer informs the Kentucky Home Journal that he always turns his sheep to his standing corn after it is in full ear. They destroy many weeds that would otherwise reseed the ground, clean up the fence rows and get up much good food that at this season of the year comes well to hand. He adds that you can continue to let them in the field, and so long as they find anything else to feed upon they will not molest the corn.

Rev. Dr. Bethune was holding divine services in a log schoolhouse in Maine, while on a summer fishing excursion. In speaking of it afterwards he said: "Just as I pronounced the benediction, a man arose and said: 'that he had just a minute back-knife; that if any member of that congregation had found it, he wished they would just sign it.'"

Knowing Too Much. During the administration of President Jackson, there was a singular young gentleman employed in the public post-office at Washington. His name was G., he was from Tennessee, the son of a widow, a neighbor of the President, on which account the old hero had kind feelings for him, and always got him out of his difficulties with some of the higher officials, to whom his singular interference was distasteful.

Among other things, it is said of him that while employed in the general post-office, on one occasion he had to copy a letter for Major H., a high official, in answer to an application made by an old pensioner in Virginia, or Pennsylvania, for the establishment of a new post-office. The writer of the letter said that the application could not be granted, in consequence of the applicant's "proximity" to another office. When the letter came into G.'s hands to copy, being a great stickler for plainness, he altered "proximity" to "nearness to." Major H., observing it, and asked G. why he had altered it.

"Why," replied G., "because I thought that the man would know what you meant by proximity."

"Well," said Major H., try him; put in the proximity again."

In a few days a letter was received from the applicant, in which he very indignantly said, "That his father had fought for liberty in the second war of independence, and he should like to have the name of the sounder who brought the charge of proximity or anything else wrong against him."

"There," said G., "did I not say so?"

G. carried his improvements so far, that Mr. Berry, the postmaster general, said to him, "I don't want you here any longer—you know too much."

Poor G. went out, but his old friend, the general, got him another place. This time G.'s ideas underwent a change. He was one day very busy writing, when a stranger called in and asked him where the patent office was.

"I don't know," said G.

"Can you tell me where the treasury department is?" said the stranger.

"No," said G.

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The stranger finally asked him if he knew where the capitol was.

"No," replied G.

"Do you live in Washington, sir?" asked the stranger.

"Yes, sir," said G.

"Good Lord! and don't know where the patent office, treasury, President's house, and capitol are?"

"Stranger," said G., "I was turned out of the post-office for knowing too much. I don't mean to offend in that way again. I am paid for keeping this book. I believe I do know that much; but if you find me knowing anything more you may take my head."

"Good morning," said the stranger.

"Good morning," said G. and went on with his writing.

Hard to Please. We call to mind a good old Methodist lady, very particular and very pious, who once kept a boarding-house in Boston.

Strangely in her principles, she would take no one to board who did not look to the eternal punishment of a large portion of the race. But people were more intent on carnal comforts than spiritual so that in time her house became empty, much to her grief and alarm. After sometime a bluff old sea captain knocked at the door, and the old lady answered the call.

"Servant, ma'am. Can you give me board for two or three days?"

"What! I don't know," says the old lady.

"Oh, how full, eh?"

"No; but—"

"But what, ma'am?"

"I don't take any unclean or carnal people in my house. What do you believe?"

"About what?"

"Why do you believe anybody will be condemned?"

"Oh, thunder! I see."

"Do you?" said the good woman, brightening up. "Well, how many souls do you think will be in fire eternally?"

"Don't know, ma'am, really; never calculated that."

"Can't you guess?"

"Can't say—perhaps fifty thousand."

"Well, ma'am," said the good woman, "I guess I'll take you: fifty thousand is better than nothing."

The other evening, when a Vicksburg mother had company, and her six-year-old son made himself disagreeably conspicuous, she gave him a threatening look and silently warned him to leave the room. Instead of obeying, he walked up to one of the ladies and inquired: "Misses, can't you stay here all night?"

"Why, what do you mean?" she asked, in a tone of surprise. "If you'll stay, mother won't dare look me; if you don't she'll make me top." It was affecting to see his mother lift him to her knee, kiss him repeatedly, and blandly inform the ladies that it was only his out way.

"No, ma'am," said a journeyer to a beautiful lady. "I don't trust anybody these days. I would not even trust my feelings."

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